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TEACHERS AND EDITORS WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR HIGH OFFICE.

All but One of the Number Enumerated Below Are Running for Congress—A Fine Display of Intellectual Nominees in Two States.

Woodbridge M. Ferris, the Democratic and Populist candidate for congress in the Eleventh Michigan district, lives in Big Rapids and is one of the best known educators in northern Michigan. He was born thirty-nine years ago near Spencer, N. Y. He was brought up on a farm, educated in the country schools, with a finishing course in the Spencer academy, and at the age of seventeen began teaching his district school at twenty-eight dollars per month. In February, 1871, he entered the Oswego Normal and Training school, and three years later graduated at the head of his class. The following year he took a course of lectures in the medical department of the Michigan university. He served two years as principal of the Spencer academy. He started a business college at Freeport, Ill., and later was at the head of the Rock River university at Dixon, Ill. In 1879 he was superintendent of the Pittsfield (Ill.) public schools, where he remained for five years, and then went to Big Rapids, Mich. If elected he will be the first school teacher ever sent to congress from Michigan.



BURROWS.

HOOKER.

In the Third Michigan district the congressional candidates are Julius Caesar Burrows, of Kalamazoo, and Daniel Strange, of Grand Ledge, the former the choice of the Republicans and the latter nominated both by the Democrats and Populists. Mr. Burrows is now serving his seventh term in the house and is widely known. Mr. Strange is a farmer. He was born in Eaton county, a few miles from where he now lives, on March 4, 1845. He received his early education in the country schools, later attended the Charlotte Union school, was a student in Olivet college the first year it opened (1859), attended the state normal school at Ypsilanti and finally graduated from the Michigan Agricultural school. He taught school at the age of sixteen, and continued teaching while pursuing his own studies. After graduating Mr. Strange taught school at Portland and afterward at Mason, and then became superintendent of agencies for a New York publishing house. He finally returned to the farm.

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NORTHROP. HULL. PEOPLES.

Judge Frank A. Hooker, the Republican candidate for justice of the Michigan supreme court, has been a resident of Charlotte, Mich., since 1866. He was born at Hartford, in 1843, at the age of twelve years moved with his parents to Ohio, and a year later entered the Michigan state university as a student. He graduated from the law department in 1863, was admitted to the bar, and after a few months in Ohio located permanently in Charlotte. A year after his arrival he was elected county superintendent of schools. In 1869 he was elected justice of the peace and served three years, was elected prosecuting attorney and served four years, and in 1878 was appointed judge of the Fifth judicial district, to fill a vacancy. He has served fourteen years on the bench.

John W. Northrop, Populist candidate in the Eleventh Ohio district, is the mayor of the Quaker town of Salem. He is fifty years of age and a native of New York. His youth was spent on a farm. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Seventy-sixth New York infantry and served two years. Soon after the close of the contest he established a reform paper at Parish, Oswego county, N. Y. In 1879 he went to Ohio and published The Buckeye Vidette at Bryan. He removed to Salem in 1888 and started The Daily News, continuing its publication until 1890.

L. W. Hull, Republican candidate in the Thirteenth Ohio district, lives at Upper Sandusky. He is engaged in farming and stock raising. He was born in Delaware county, O., in 1854, taught school for awhile, and then turned his attention to farming. He is interested in several business enterprises, and is counted one of Wyandotte county's representative citizens.

C. E. Peoples, Democratic candidate in the Eleventh Ohio district, is a lawyer-editor of Pomeroy. He was born in Meigs county thirty-five years ago. After teaching school for a time he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1888. The same year he purchased the Pomeroy Democrat, and continues its publication. He has served as prosecuting attorney of Meigs county.

THE POET LAUREATE.

An Office Which Has Been Held by All Sorts of Rhymer.

All American readers of Tennyson know that he was poet laureate, and that Premier Gladstone will probably name his successor, but for the most part they have very hazy ideas of what a poet laureate is. Nor is it easy to explain it, because the laureateship is so many kinds of an institution.

First of all, it is a huge joke. Great poets have held it, it is true, but as laureates they have done their poorest work, while the worst poets in like cases have succeeded in sinking far below themselves. In short much of the laureateship poetry, as the western phrase goes, is so bad that it is good. When a lot of choice spirits assemble and some one says in effect, "Go to, let us be funny," there is usually a very dull half hour to follow. So when the poet feels that all the world is looking to him for something sublime, just fitted to the case, he is dumb.

In its beginning the position was made glorious by Ben Jonson, Davenant and Dryden. Later it has again been made glorious by Southey, Wordsworth and Tennyson. The interval was filled by middling poets, or even worse. There is a tradition that when Petrarch received at Rome the crown of bays Edward III at once bestowed like honors on Chaucer, with certain perquisites of money and wine; also that his successors were John Skogan, John Kay, Andrew Bernard, John Skelton, Edmund Spenser and Michael Drayton.

Historically, however, the office began in 1616, when James I bestowed it on Ben Jonson, with an annual salary of 100 marks. Charles I, on March 5, 1637, reappointed Ben, with a salary of £100 instead of marks, and made the office continuous. When Jonson died in 1639 the choice fell on William Davenant, who was then spoken of as an illegitimate son of Shakespeare, and was rather pleased with the gossip. The civil war



ALGERNON SWINBURNE.

suspended the office, and in 1670 it was revived and bestowed on John Dryden, with whose removal by William III the glory of the place ended for many a year.

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Tell me, if you can, which did the worse, Caligula or Gratian's grace? That made a consul of a horse And this a laureate of an ass.

Thomas Warton then redeemed the place slightly till 1790, and next Henry James Pye sunk it to the lowest place. Then came Southey and Wordsworth, and in 1850 Tennyson. For his successor the English common people clamored for one of two men—William Morris and Algernon C. Swinburne. But both are revolutionists and radicals—the former a socialist and the latter an agnostic; both have indulged in unparaphrased ridicule of the court and royal family, and the queen detests them both.

He Has Won a Rich Bride.

Every reader who followed the fortunes of Stanley and Emin Pasha remembers the dashing Lieutenant Montenegro Jephson. He was the protégé of the Countess de Noailles, who outfitted him for the expedition. He had the honor to find Emin, and he has written a book on his adventures which is highly praised. And now he has further distinguished himself by winning the hand of Miss Anna Head, a famous beauty of San Francisco, and only daughter of the millionaire, Colonel A. E. Head.

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